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Our Case No.: 659-877

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sanders et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,506

Filing Date: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE  
ABSORBENT GARMENTS

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3763

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

### Foreign Patent Documents

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b> <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
EP 0 934 739 A2	08/11/99	Europe
EP 1 013 251 A1	06/28/00	Europe
EP 1 027 874 A2	08/16/00	Europe
WO 01/43682 A1	06/21/01	PCT
WO 02/083048 A1	10/24/02	PCT
WO 02/083049 A1	10/24/02	PCT
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<b>OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b> (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
International Search Report in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/24682, dated 05/28/03, 8 pages.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). In addition, the undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in PCT application

PCT/US02/24682 on May 28, 2003, which is not more than three months prior to the filing date of this statement. No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

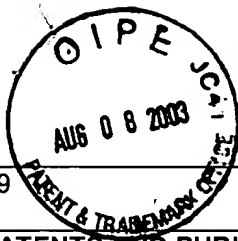
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE September 14, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT 3763
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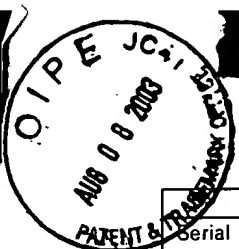
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>
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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO-1449; 8 Cited References (D1-D8); Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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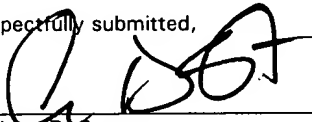
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